

The Hongkong Telegraph.

No. 312.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 1883.

SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER.

Intimations.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

PIANOS

ARE GREATLY INJURED, ESPECIALLY IN A TRYING CLIMATE LIKE THAT OF HONGKONG, by allowing them to drop out of Tune; the great Tension caused by tightening up the strings again being exceedingly trying.

A Good Instrument will probably last Twice as long in Hongkong, if kept constantly in Tune.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

having a thoroughly competent Tuner from BROADWOOD & SONS, keep Pianos in Tune and REPAIR at a MODERATE CHARGE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, 13th January, 1883. [296]

Insurances.

SCOTTISH UNION AND NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF EDINBURGH & LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1824.

CAPITAL.....£6,000,000 STERLING.
INVESTED FUNDS.....£3,000,000.
ANNUAL INCOME.....£700,000.

The Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company and are prepared to GRANT FIRE INSURANCES at CURRENT RATES.

HESSE & Co.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1882. [49]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

CAPITAL TAELS 600,000, EQUAL \$833,333-1/3.
RESERVE FUND.....\$70,553-27.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEE SING, Esq. | LEE YAT LAY, Esq.
LO YOK MOON, Esq. | CHU CHIK NUNG, Esq.
MANAGER—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.
Hongkong, 1st September, 1882. [601]

YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....Tls. 420,000-00
PERMANENT RESERVE.....Tls. 230,000-00
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....Tls. 290,553-95

TOTAL CAPITAL and Accumulations, 8th May, 1882.....Tls. 940,553-95

DIRECTORS.

H. DE C. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.
J. H. PINCKOISS, Esq. | W. MEYERINK, Esq.
A. J. M. INVERARITY, Esq. | G. H. WHEELER, Esq.

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.

Messrs. RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.

LONDON BRANCH.

Messrs. BARKING BROTHERS & Co., Bankers.

RICHARD BLACKWELL, Esq., Agent,
68 and 69, Cornhill, E.C.

*Policies granted on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World.

Subject to a charge of 12 per cent. for Interest on Shareholders' Capital, all the PROFITS of the UNDERWRITING BUSINESS are annually distributed among all Contributors of Business (whether Shareholders or not) in proportion to the premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1883. [83]

THE Undersigned have been appointed AGENTS for the NEW YORK BOARD OF UNDERWRITERS.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & CO.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881.

RECORD OF AMERICAN AND FOREIGN SHIPPING.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [457]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

(CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000.)

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN, Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE.

No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1883. [81]

J. M. GUEDES.

HOUSE AND LAND BROKER.

AGENT FOR AUCTIONEER AND COMMISSION.

No. 35, WILKINSON STREET, HONGKONG.
Hongkong, 24th January, 1883. [19]

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

I have THIS DAY PURCHASED under a Bill of Sale, the GOODWILL, PLANT, MACHINERY, STOCK-IN-TRADE AND FIXTURES OF THE FIRM OF DE SOUZA & Co., PRINTERS, &c., OF HONGKONG; and beg to intimate that I will carry on the BUSINESS under the same Name.

By strict attention, First-class Workmanship, and Moderate Charges I hope to merit the Patronage of the Hongkong public.

F. D. GUEDES.
Hongkong, 13th December, 1882. [30]

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

I HAVE This Day Resumed my Duties as SECRETARY to the Company.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. GILLIES, Secretary.

Hongkong, 3rd January, 1883. [42]

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

G. H. MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE.

QUARTS.....\$22 per Case.
PINTS.....\$23 per Case.

Apply to MELCHERS & Co.
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1882. [8]

J. AND R. TENNENT'S ALE AND PORTER.

DAVID CORSAIR & SONS' MERCHANT NAVY.

NAVY BOILED LONG FLAX CANVAS.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [458]

TO SPORTSMEN.

FOR SALE AT LESS THAN COST.

OWING TO OWNER LEAVING THE COLONY.

1 SILK-LINED RACING SADDLE.
RACING WHIPS with Silver Mounts.

The above, which are ALL NEW, may be seen at the "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" OFFICE and will be sold at a BARGAIN.

Hongkong, 2nd November, 1882. [12]

F. BLACKHEAD & CO.

SHIPCHANDLERS, STORE-KEEPERS AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS, PRAYA CENTRAL.

HAVE RECEIVED EX LATEST ARRIVALS.

AMERICAN CAST STEEL SHOVELS, PICKS.

AXES. HATCHETS.

ENGINEERS' & HOUSEHOLD HAMMERS.

PATENT BIT BRACES.

AUGER-BITS.

DRILLS.

GIMBLETS.

SQUARES.

PATENT BRASS PADLOCKS & CHEST LOCKS.

Mrs. POTTS' PATENT SADIRONS.

COOKING STOVES.

FAIRBANK'S SCALES.

FORCE PUMPS FOR SHIPS' USE.

DRILLING MACHINES.

BREAST DRILLS, AUTOM. BORING TOOLS.

ANVILS, VICES, AND DRILLS COMBINED.

ANVILS.

HITCHCOCK'S PATENT LAMPS.

VICES.

GLASS CUTTERS.

SCROLL SAWS.

FAMILY GRINDSTONES.

BLACKSMITHS' BELLOWS.

Best Whitworth's STOCK AND DIES.

SCREW WRENCHES.

FLAME IRONS.

CHISELS.

HAMMERS.

PINCERS.

NIPPERS.

DIVIDERS.

RULES.

METAL SCISSORS.

METAL SAWS.

TUBE EXPANDERS.

OIL FEEDERS.

SALTER'S SPRING BALANCE SCALES.

WESTON'S PATENT TACKLES.

PATENT SOCKETS.

Intimations.

W. BREWER.

PUBLIC CIRCULATING LIBRARY.

HAVING long felt the need of a PUBLIC CIRCULATING LIBRARY in Hongkong, I have determined, should a sufficient number. Volunteer to Subscribe to it, to form a Library on the same basis as Circulating Libraries are formed in England, and from my Experience in such matters in England, I feel certain, that I can form and conduct a Library satisfactorily to all. My Experience in the East Teaches me that the principal demand would be for LIGHT LITERATURE, and the Ordinary 3-Volume English Novels would therefore preponderate, at the same time Works of any interest on Science, Biography and Travel would find their place on the Library Shelves.

THE SUBSCRIPTION WOULD BE \$15 PER ANNUM FOR A SINGLE SET OF BOOKS.

Willing Subscribers will kindly send in their Names as early as possible in order that some estimate might be formed of the probable success of the Scheme.

W. BREWER,
QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, 25th January, 1883. [703]

"NOVELTY STORE."

MARINE HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD.

NOW SHOWING EX-LATE ARRIVALS THE FOLLOWING NEW ARTICLES:—

Electric Repeater Call Bells. Parisian Coffee Making Machines of New Style. Morocco, Russia, Leather and Polished Steel Cigarette Cases. Parisian Vases of Majolica and Fine China Ware in elegant designs. Olive, Walnut and Ebony Wood Photo Frames of Assorted designs. Small Fire Proof Cash Boxes in Shape of a Safe with Secret Lock Arrangement. Unframed Olographs and Chromo Lithographs of Assorted designs and Sceneries. Ladies' and Gentlemen's Card Cases of Morocco and Russia-Leather with small Ivory Memo Slate. Fancy Embossed Initial-Note-Paper and Envelopes, any initial can be had. Fancy Japanese Stationery for Wedding and other Invitations. Endorsement Boxes and Endorsing Blue, Black and Red Inks. Ladies' and Gentlemen's Silk Umbrellas, Masks and Dominoes. Clothes, Tooth and Hair Brushes in Assorted Patterns. Ebony Handle Sliding Aluminium Gold Penholders. Hendries, Gosnell's, &c., Perfumery, Soap, &c. Havana Cigars of Assorted Brands. Il Flor del Mondo Cigarettes, Kaiser-i-Hind Cigarettes, Duchess Cigarettes, Empress Cigarettes, Princess Cigarettes. All made of pure and choicest Turkish Tobacco. BINOCULARS AND OPERA GLASSES OF BEST MAKE.

S. MEYERS,
MANAGER.

Hongkong, 24th January, 1883. [28]

SAYLE & CO.'S SHOWROOMS.

SAYLE & CO.

ARE SHOWING.

EX. RECENT ARRIVALS.

TINSELLED GRENADES. LADIES CHEAP COSTUMES. BROCADED SILKS. MOIRE SILKS. COLOURED SATINS. FLUSH VELVETS. COLOURED FLANNELS. WHITE FLANNELS. DIAPERS AND IRISH LINENS. TORCHON LACES. AN ENTIRELY NEW STOCK OF WHITE AND CREAM LACES. INFANTS' EMBROIDERED CLOAKS. INFANTS' SILK AND SATIN HATS. CHILDREN'S BOOTS AND SHOES IN EVERY SIZE. LADIES' WHITE SATIN SHOES. COLOURED MALTESE BRAIDS. &c., &c., &c.

A LIBERAL DISCOUNT FOR CASH.

SAYLE & CO.,

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1883. [659]

To be Let.

TO LET.

TWO HOUSES ON HIGH STREET.

Apply to DE SOUZA & Co.,

ON THE PREMISES.

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1883. [35]

TO BE LET.

HOUSE No. 11, GAGE STREET.

Apply to J. A. DE CARVALHO.

Hongkong, 22nd January, 1883. [78]

TO LET.

No. 4, OLD BAILEY STREET.

No. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, lately occupied by PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

No. 8, SEYMOUR TERRACE.

No. 9, SEYMOUR TERRACE.

No. 25A, PRAYA CENTRAL.

Apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,

Hongkong, 17th January, 1883. [7]

TO LET.

A TWO STOREY HOUSE (6 Rooms) in Mosque Junction. The above has Gas and Water laid on; and immediate possession can be had.

For Particulars apply to

D. NOWROJEE, Hongkong Hotel.

Hongkong, 27th November, 1882. [18]

D. K. GRIFFITH.

MANUFACTURER OF THE LONDON AERATED WATERS.

7, BEACONFIELD ARCADE, (Opposite the City Hall)

Having Purchased the entire Machinery of the late Mr. E. CHASTEL'S

SODA WATER FACTORY

is now prepared to execute the largest orders for every description of Aerated Waters with promptness and despatch.

SUPERIOR QUALITY.

I S. G. U. A. R. A. N. T. E. E. D.

Consumers are invited to try these carefully Manufactured

SPARKLING WATERS.

THREE DOZEN FOR ONE DOLLAR.

All Orders and Communications should be addressed to The Factory

Intimations.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

THE DIRECTORS OF THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, ARE NOW PREPARED TO RECEIVE OFFERS FROM SUITABLE PERSONS FOR A FIVE OR TEN YEARS LEASE OF THE HONGKONG HOTEL AND FURNITURE COMPLETE.

This well known HOTEL is situated in the Queen's Road, Hongkong, within a few yards of the principal landing place in the Colony.

It is a large and commodious building, replete with every modern improvement and convenience. It contains an ELEGANT AND SPACIOUS BAR, A LARGE BILLIARD ROOM, READING ROOM, A DINING HALL to accommodate 170 Persons, FIFTY TWO BED ROOMS, TWO CAPITAL BOWLING ALLEYS, together with all the other necessaries of a well appointed Hotel.

It is the only First Class Hotel in the Colony, and is always patronised by a number of permanent boarders, consisting principally of Government Officials, Military and Naval Officers and their Families, &c.

It is at present under a Lease to Messrs. DORABJEY and HING-KEE, which lease expires on the 15th October, 1883.

Applications to be addressed to—

THE CHAIRMAN, THE HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LIMITED, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1883. [34]

INTERNATIONAL NOVELTY COMPANY.

KOOLANGSOO, AMOY, (CHINA).

IMPORTERS OF EUROPEAN AMERICAN NOVELTIES.

EMILE FRANKUCHEN, Manager.

Amoy, 22nd August, 1882. [527]

F. D. GUEDES.

WINE MERCHANT AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT.

No. 1, DAQUAN STREET.

HAS always on hand a large assortment of CHOICE WINES of the best quality, at Moderate Prices.

Hongkong, 2nd October, 1882. [663]

Amusements.

ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA.

THEATRE ROYAL CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

THE DIRECTORS have the Honor to Announce that

A GRAND SPECIAL PERFORMANCE WILL BE GIVEN ON

SATURDAY NEXT,

JANUARY 27TH, 1883.

FOR THE BENEFIT OF SIGNOR CIOCCHI PRIMO HARTONO ASSOLUTO.

When will be produced by Special desire DONIZETTI'S GRAND OPERA

"MARIA DI ROHAN."

DRAMATIS PERSONÆ: RICARDO, (Conte di Chalais), Signor PETROVICH, ENRICO, (Duca di Chevreuse), Signor CIOCCHI, MARIA, (Contessa di Rohan), Signora LUBICCI, ARMANDO DI GONDI, Signora SILINI, IL VICENTE DI SUZE, Signora BERTOLINI, DE FIESQUE, Signor PATIERNO, AUBRY, (Secretario di) Signor BRUNETTI, UN FAMILIARE DI CHEVREUSE, N.N.

Between the Acts of the Opera, Signor GORE will play the Celebrated Quartette from Verdi's "RIGOLETTO," with variations composed by himself.

A plan of the Theatre is now on view at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH's, where Seats may be booked.

Hongkong, 22nd January, 1883. [81]

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-THIRD ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 52, Queen's Road, TO-MORROW, the 26th January inst., at HALF-PAST THREE O'CLOCK in the AFTERNOON, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and Electing Auditors.

By Order of the Board of Directors, P. A. DA COSTA, Secretary.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1883. [48]

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 26th instant, inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, P. A. DA COSTA, Secretary.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1882. [49]

THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL on SATURDAY, the 27th instant, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts and declaring a Dividend.

By Order of the Board of Directors, LOUIS HAUSCHILD, Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1883. [52]

THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 27th instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, LOUIS HAUSCHILD, Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1883. [53]

THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING of the HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Company's Office, on SATURDAY, the 27th inst., at a QUARTER-TO NOON, for the purpose of passing a Resolution to Expunge Article 23 of the Articles of Association.

By Order of the Board of Directors, LOUIS HAUSCHILD, Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1883. [54]

THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE GOLDEN SCISSOR.

No. 13, POTTINGER STREET.

A. M. ROBIN (Late of T. M. LAWSON'S, CALCUTTA).

TAILOR, Shirt and Breeches Maker and General Outfitter. Mr. ROBIN invites Public Patronage and guarantees a perfect fit at Moderate Charges.

N.B.—Note the address: THE GOLDEN SCISSOR, No. 13, Pottinger Street.

Intimations.

IMPORTANT INTIMATION.

NOW READY.



(PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY.)

THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND
HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST.
A DIRECTORY FOR CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE
PHILIPPINES, FOR THE YEAR 1883.

PRICE TWO DOLLARS.

The above work published at the Office of this Paper, contains a Directory for the Ports in the large portion of Asia comprised between Penang, in the Straits Settlements, and the Northern Chinese Ports, including Wladivostok, Formosa, the Treaty Ports of China and Japan; the Philippine Islands; the British Colony of Hongkong; and the Portuguese Colony of Macao. The work will also contain the Principal Treaties between European countries and the United States and the countries East of the Straits, including the New Treaties between

RUSSIA AND CHINA, BRAZIL AND CHINA, AND

THE KOREAN TREATY, together with conditions of Trade, and the Port, Customs, Consular, and Harbour Regulations for the Ports of China and Japan; and a description of the Ports, with the latest Trade Statistics taken from the Reports of the Imperial Maritime Customs and other reliable sources.

The various Governments and Municipal Corporations have been applied to for information, and all Public Bodies and Companies, Bankers, Merchants, Consuls, and Professional and other Residents, have supplied the necessary matter to ensure correctness, upon forms sent for that purpose. The Naval and Military portion has been taken from the latest published official lists and revised at Headquarters; in fact no pains have been spared to make "THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST" a handy and perfectly reliable book of reference for all classes.

In addition to the information enumerated above "THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST" for 1883 contains a complete

INDEX TO THE ORDINANCES OF HONGKONG;
A SPECIAL LIST OF FOREIGNERS employed in Steamers making short voyages from Hongkong;

THE PRIVATE RESIDENCES of the Principal Government Officials, the Leading Merchants, the Foreign Consuls, Professional Men, Justices of the Peace, &c.

A LADIES DIRECTORY FOR HONGKONG, AND
A Mass of interesting information on various subjects, culled from the most trustworthy sources.

A SPECIAL FEATURE
IN THIS PUBLICATION IS A
CHAPTER ON SPORT,
dealing with almost every branch of sport including: RACING, CRICKET, ATHLETICS, AQUATICS, &c., &c., &c.

THE WINNERS of all IMPORTANT RACES at HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, FOCHOW, and AMOY, with times, and other interesting particulars, carefully compiled from the most reliable sources make "THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST" a *valde precium* for all classes of sportsmen.

"THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST" for 1883 is Printed on a superior quality of Paper with a NEW FOUNT of TYPE, specially ordered for the work, from THE PATENT TYPE FOUNDRY COMPANY, Red Lion Square, Holborn, London, and bound in a fashion unsurpassed by any work of the kind ever published in the FAR EAST.

"THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST" will, in order that it may circulate extensively outside this Colony, be published at a POPULAR PRICE, and can be ordered at This Office for

TWO DOLLARS.

There is not space in the compass of an Ordinary Advertisement to detail all the information introduced into the work, but it may be fairly asserted that no such Directory has ever been published, either in Hongkong, or any other part of the East, at the Price.

"THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST" offers Special Advantages as an Advertising Medium. It will have an extensive circulation in all Ports between Singapore and Newchwang, and the scale of charges has been fixed at an exceptionally low rate. Terms can be learned on application.

Suggestions for the improvement of this work are respectfully solicited.

Orders for COPIES, and for ADVERTISEMENTS, may be sent to the Agents at the various Ports, or to

"THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" OFFICE, HONGKONG.
Hongkong, 25th January, 1883.

Intimations.

A. S. WATSON & CO.
INVITE INSPECTION OF A WELL
SELECTED STOCK OF
FANCY CHRISTMAS
GOODS,

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CARDS
IN GREAT VARIETY.

SWEETS AND CONFECTIONERY.

FANCY SATIN COVERED BOXES.

CUT GLASS TOILET BOTTLES.

CHRISTMAS CARD ALBUMS.

IVORY BACK HAIR BRUSHES

SCIENTIFIC TOYS.

ATKINSON'S, HENDRIE'S, AND LUBIN'S
PERFUMES.

&c., &c., &c.

A. S. WATSON & Co.,

CHEMISTS, DRUGGISTS

AND

PERFUMERS.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

ESTABLISHED 1841.

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

It is requested that all communications relating to Subscriptions, Advertisements, &c., be addressed to the "Manager, Hongkong Telegraph" and not to the Editor.

Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor" and not to individual members of the staff.

Communications intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writers, not necessarily for publication; but as evidence of good faith.

Whilst the columns of the Hongkong Telegraph will always be open for the fair discussion by correspondents of all questions affecting public interests, it must be distinctly understood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions thus expressed.

TO ADVERTISERS.
Advertisers are requested to forward all notices intended for insertion in that day's issue not later than THREE O'CLOCK so as not to retard the early publication of the paper.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.
Arrangements have been made to publish The Hongkong Telegraph daily at 4 P.M. Subscribers in the central districts who do not receive their copies before FIVE O'CLOCK will oblige by at once communicating with the Manager.

MARRIAGE.
At the Roman Catholic Cathedral, on the 23rd inst., by the Very Reverend Father, Burghignoli, pro-Vicar Apostolic, JOSE MARIA GUEDES to ERNESTINA MARIA CARVALHO.

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HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 1883.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 1883.

In his address before the British Science Association Mr. JOHN FOWLER made the following interesting observations on the future of Egypt.—In Egypt for countless ages the "ship of the desert" and the boats of the Nile constituted the only means of communication. Wheeled carriages were practically unknown, although as long ago as 1832 Mehemet Ali bewildered the pilgrims by starting off for Mecca across the desert in a Long Acre barouche. But the Nile holds an exceptional position among the rivers of the world, for not only was it until quite recently practically the sole means of inland communication for the country through which it flows, but it was, and still is, literally the life of Egypt, since without Nile water there would not be a green spot in the whole of that now fertile land. Having filled the office of consulting engineer to the Egyptian Government for seven years, I have had occasion to give particular attention to the Nile, and I may state that in an average year that river conveys no less than 100,000,000,000 tons of water and 65,000,000 tons of silica, alumina, lime and other fertilizing solids down to the Mediterranean. The Nile begins to rise about the middle of June, at which time the discharge averages about 350 tons of water per second, and attains in September a height of from nineteen to twenty-eight feet, and a discharge of from 7,000 to 10,000 tons per second. Napoleon the Great said that every drop of Nile water should be thrown on the land, and he was right so far as Low Nile discharge is concerned. The cultivated lands in the provinces of Lower Egypt have an area of 3,000,000 acres, and to irrigate this effectually at least 30,000,000 tons of water per day would be required, an amount somewhat exceeding the whole of the Low Nile discharge. At present the irrigation canals are totally inadequate to convey this quantity, and imperfect irrigation and consequent loss of crops is the result. In many instances a couple of men labor for a hundred days in watering by shadoof a single acre of ground, all of which amount of labor might be dispensed with if the barrage of the Nile were completed, and a few other works carried out, the whole of which would be paid for handsomely by a water-rate of 2s. an acre. You will gather, there-

fore, that I do not think the resources of Egypt have yet been fully developed, magnificent as they even now are, having reference to the size of the country. It is hardly necessary to say that a network of canals laid out with a view to irrigating the lands of Lower Egypt can also be used at any time in the event of war for the offensive or defensive flooding of the whole or any part of the said lands. Except for the work of man Lower Egypt for four months in the year would be simply the bed of a river, and for the remaining months a mud bank. Long before the historic period, however, the Nile had been embanked and canals, such as the Bahr-Jusef, had been formed; the first, to keep the floods off the land, except in desired quantities; and the second, to run off the inundation waters as soon as the fertilizing matters in suspension had been deposited on the lands. Should the inhabitants of Egypt neglect at any time to maintain the works of their ancestors, successive floods would quickly destroy the embankments and wash the light materials into the canals. Thus, the whole surface of the country would again be leveled, and the land of Egypt would revert to its primitive condition of being a river's bed for one-third of the year, and probably a malarious swamp for the remainder. It is hardly possible to refer to Egypt without saying a few words about the Suez Canal. Far-seeing people, including the late Khédive, have long been of the opinion that another ship canal will be required in Egypt. In 1876 I submitted to his Highness, in accordance with my instructions, detailed plans and estimates for such a canal from Alexandria through Cairo to Suez. The total length of the canal was 240 miles, and with the same width as the existing Suez Canal the estimated quantity of excavation was 160,000,000 cube yards. An interesting and significant incident in the history of the Suez Canal occurred in May, 1878, when a fleet consisting of ten steamers and sixteen sailing vessels passed through, with 8,412 native troops, bound from India to Cyprus. During the same year no less than 58,274 soldiers traversed the canal. Since 1878 events have marched rapidly, for no one then foresaw that the next important movement of British troops canal-ways would be of a nature hostile in appearance, if not, in fact, to the inhabitants of Egypt.

TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, Jan. 23rd.
MR. GLADSTONE'S HEALTH.
Mr. Gladstone is recovering.

THE FRENCH COMPTROLLER-GENERALSHIP.
The French Comptroller-General, when leaving Egypt, was instructed not to resign.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

MR. ALFRED GASCOIGNE WISE, barrister-at-law, was on the motion of the Attorney General formally admitted yesterday as a member of the local bar.

THE Messageries Maritimes steamer *Anadyr*, with the next outward French mail, left Saigon for Hongkong at 12 o'clock (midnight) on Wednesday.

We are informed that the Saigon-Singapore cable was cut at noon to-day for repairs. It is expected that communication will be restored this evening.

We note that Mr. Herbert A. Giles has been elected an associate member of the Asiatic Society of Bengal, in recognition of services in Chinese scholarship.

A REGULAR Convocation of Victoria Chapter, No. 525, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, on Monday evening the 29th inst. at 9 o'clock precisely.

We are informed by the Acting Agent of the E. A. & C. Telegraph Co. Limited, that the incoming French Mail steamer *Anadyr* passed Cape St. James at 5.30 this morning.

WONG ANO, for abstracting a one dollar note from the pocket of a shop coolie in the Po Lok theatre last night, was relegated to the "jug" for a month's spell of hard labor by Captain Thomsett this morning.

A MEETING of the General Committee of the Masonic Hall will be held in Freemasons' Hall, this afternoon at 4 o'clock precisely, to receive the estimates of the sub-committees, and to consider other important matters.

YUM AKU, a coolie, for being in possession of prepared opium without a permit from the opium farmer, was this morning fined \$20 by Captain Thomsett. The fine not being forthcoming His Worship sent the unlicensed opium holder to langual for three weeks in Hayward's Hotel.

The members of the St. Andrew's Society will celebrate the anniversary of the Scottish poet, Robert Burns, by a banquet at the City Hall, this evening. Rivers of whiskey and oceans of patriotic eloquence are expected to be conspicuous features of this thoroughly national reunion.

ALFRED GORDON, a seaman of the American bark *Charles G. Rice*, hailing from the land of the Stars and Stripes, was charged before Captain Thomsett with being drunk and disorderly last night and otherwise misconducting himself. The "Jack" admitted the charge and squared matters by parting with one dollar.

At a Meeting of the Victoria Precinctory held last night, Sir Knight Wm. Kerfoot Hughes was installed in the chair, and the following were the Officers appointed for the ensuing year:—

Prelate.....	Sir Knight H. G. JAMES.
Constable.....	W. M. DEANE.
Marshal.....	PAUL JORDAN.
Registrar.....	E. C. RAY, P.E.P.
Sub-Marshal.....	ERICH GEORG.
Treasurer.....	P. A. DA COSTA.
Capt. of the Guard.....	J. C. GILLIES.
Director of Ceremonies.....	J. CHRISTIE.
Guard.....	J. R. GRIMBLE.

SAYS the Shanghai *Courier* of the 20th inst.—Does any one wonder that the Chinese look upon the White Man as a Barbarian, and wishes he would remain in his western world? Tuesday of this week, a foreigner was driving along the main street of Hongkong in his trap, when his horse shied at a poor woman, one of many in the crowded thoroughfare; upon which the civilized dastard, jumped from his vehicle and applied his horse whip vigorously upon the innocent and unresisting woman. Who shall complain if some day such outrages return in well-deserved vengeance on the head of the western intruder?

WONG AFONG, a member of the hawk tribe with an evident liking for salt fish, was found in possession of 84 catfish of that toothsome luxury which he failed to satisfactorily account for. When collared with the "salted ones" and asked to prove his ownership, the hawk humbugged his interrogators by taking them to about a dozen places in each of which he said he had made the purchase, without being able to get any one to admit having made the sale. For this shady proceeding Captain Thomsett imposed a fine of \$10, with the option of a month's hard labor. The hawk went in for a few minutes, but not relishing being "behind the bars" opened his purse and anted up the needful.

IN deference to the expressed wishes of an influential body of subscribers the Directors of the Italian Opera Company have amended the list of operas previously announced for the Second Subscription Series. The opening performance will be given on Saturday, February 3rd, when Gounod's famous *chef d'œuvre* "Faust" will be represented. The other operas selected are Marchetti's "Ruy Blas," Rossini's ever popular "Il Barbiere," Petrella's "Ione," Padini's "Saffo," and "Contessa D'Amalfi" by Petrella. The above list is a very attractive one, and should secure crowded houses for each representation. Petrella's two operas "Ione" and "Contessa D'Amalfi" have not previously been performed in Hongkong.

THIS annual distribution of prizes to the scholars of the Diocesan Home took place this morning in the presence of a number of ladies and gentlemen interested in this institution. The Hon. F. Bulkeley Johnson presented the prizes to the successful scholars, tendering to each recipient a few well chosen and appropriate words of laudation and encouragement. The Rev. Mr. Jennings after putting the pupils through their facings, announced that the Home would be closed for the usual holidays from date to the 1st of March, and in the course of a few other remarks stated that Mr. Johnson had kindly invited the whole of the scholars to spend a day at East Point during the vacation, on a date to be hereafter fixed.

UNDER yesterday's date our Macao correspondent writes:—It appears that the last article of the "Corral de Macao" against Governor da Graça, has increased exceedingly the ire of that Dictator. His Excellency was accused of appropriating for the use of Government House, a lot of money belonging to the treasury, under the pretence of preparing a suitable accommodation to the British Princes, sons of the Prince of Wales, on their expected trip to Macao last year. Some money was asserted to have been spent for wicks, the whole of the government private expenditure amounting, as the newspaper puts it, to \$4,000, whilst the Governor was allowed less than the half for his public dinners, &c. The Editor of the "Corral" has been officially summoned to show proofs for his assertions, and it is thought and openly said here that such proofs will be forthcoming in abundance.

CHUNG ASAN, trader, Chung Ashing, clerk, Leong Achan, fireman, Leong Anam, cook, Un Tak-ii, clerk, Chung Ayat, cook, Li Awong, seaman, Li Asau, boarding-house keeper, and Wong Achin, cook, took up position inside the rails this morning before Captain Thomsett on a charge of public gambling. Inspectors Bremner, Perry and Lindsay raided house, No. 130 Wellington Street yesterday evening about 9 o'clock and made the above named haul. Fautan was not the game defendants were engaged in, dominoes and cards being what the assembly were putting their piles on. The defence was brief and simple, the first named defendant merely making the statement that they were all friends and were playing for "love." The first defendant was fined \$25, and the others \$5 each. The whole of the fines were paid, and so in this case, the two informers were rewarded with a donation of \$5 each.

WE are informed that Mr. C. V. Creagh, Deputy Superintendent of Police, and Superintendent of the Government Fire Brigade, has accepted the appointment of Assistant Resident at Penak, and will shortly leave Hongkong to take up his new duties. This important and responsible position was offered to Mr. Creagh by the Secretary of State on the recommendation of Mr. Hugh Low, the present Resident. The salary of the Assistant Resident at Penak is \$4,800 per annum, and \$480 allowance for a horse, with quarters in the Residency, so that Mr. Creagh materially improves his prospects. When the Deputy Superintendent leaves Hongkong the colony will lose a valuable and most efficient officer, whose place will not easily be filled. However, we have much pleasure in heartily congratulating Mr. Creagh on his well merited promotion, and wish him every possible success in his new appointment.

THE Eothen Mark Lodge, No. 264, meet in the Freemasons' Hall, this evening, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely.

THE return match between the H.K. C. C. and Racquet Court will be played on Saturday the 27th inst. Play to commence at 10.30 a.m. The first match was unfinished, the Racquet Court having 14 runs to make to win with 3 wickets to fall, but it is hoped that the return game will be played out.

As will be noticed from an advertisement in another place, Mr. W. Brewer has determined to try the experiment of establishing a Circulating Library in Hongkong, based on the same principles as Mudie's, providing he receives a sufficient number of subscribers to justify the undertaking. The idea is a capital one, and we see no reason why it should not be carried into effect. Full particulars are stated in the preliminary advertisement, to which we direct attention.

We have to acknowledge receipt from the publishers, Messrs. Moronha & Sons, of a copy of the Hongkong Race Book for 1883. This little volume is, as usual, admirably got up and presents several new features which will be found useful to those interested in race-lotteries. Amongst other improvements we notice that the Champions, Challenge, and Consolation entries have been arranged in stables, these events at the lotteries being generally dealt with by stables. This year is decidedly an improvement on previous publications.

"NORMA" AT THE CITY HALL.

One of the largest audiences of the present season assembled at the Theatre Royal, City Hall, last night on the occasion of the performance by the Italian Opera Company of Bellini's attractive and generally popular opera "Norma." The advice we offered the Directorate a few days ago as to their penny wise and pound foolish policy in not giving their performances sufficient publicity has already borne good fruit, and we sincerely trust that, during the remainder of the Company's stay in the colony they will receive that amount of public patronage to which their abilities can fairly lay claim.

The principal feature in last night's representation of Bellini's masterpiece was undoubtedly the admirable impersonation of *Norma* given by Signora Lubici. Seldom has this accomplished artist been seen to greater advantage, although it was quite evident that recent indisposition and the remains of a severe cold prevented her from displaying her full vocal powers. Signora Lubici's voice is not quite powerful enough to do justice to Bellini's grand music; however, she sang with musical accuracy and with so much taste, whilst her acting was intensely powerful and effective, that her success was thoroughly even with one of the coldest and most unresponsive audiences ever seen in the City Hall. The *Adagio* of Signora Lubici was also a most praiseworthy impersonation. One could scarcely feel surprised at the amorous Roman Proconsul falling in love with such a charming young priestess of the temple of Irminal if the original were anything like the fair Italian contralto. Signora Lubici sang the music of the part in her usual finished style, and her dramatic intentions were most artistically portrayed.

Signor Argenti was not a great success as *Pollio*, either vocally or histrionically, but as he labored under the disadvantage of having a bad cold, it would be unfair to criticise harshly defects in vocalisation for which the singer was hardly responsible. It is always an unthankful as well as an ungraceful task to criticise an artist's personal appearance, so it is with some reluctance we venture to suggest that Signor Argenti is physically a long way from being the traditional "noble Roman," or the graceful soldier like to play such a part, and with the hearts and the morals of the innocent Druidesses. We can conscientiously commend Signor Lanzoni for his excellent rendering of the difficult character *Orontes*. It was decidedly the best part we have yet seen this *Norma* performance. Signor Lanzoni possesses a good voice, and he uses it with cultured skill and effect. His dramatic powers were displayed last night to the best advantage, the affecting scene with *Norma* in the last act, especially being so powerfully and effectively acted that the audience were thoroughly aroused from their apathy, and heartily applauded both *artisti*. Signora Bertolini had little to do as *Clotilde*, but that little she did well, and Signor Brunetti was quite up to his usual form as the other noble Roman, Flavio. For once the choruses were fairly rendered, thanks to the assistance of Signor Clocci, who very sensibly ignored professional etiquette and donned for the nonce the garb of a Druid and the position of a chorister. This is an example we should like to see more frequently followed; as we feel assured that if the concerted music of the various operas were done more justice to, a larger number of amateur musicians would patronise the operatic performances. In many operas the choruses are the chief attraction; however, it is hardly worth while wishing for impossibilities.

The accompaniments were as usual played in grand style by Signor Gord, and the scenery and stage effects generally excellent. In all previous efforts, taken altogether, the representation must be taken as one of the most artistic and most successful of the season. We would take this opportunity of reminding the public that Signor Clocci takes a benefit on Saturday, when "Maria di Rohan" a most brilliant and attractive opera will be produced. It is rarely an artist of the popular battone's calibre honors Hongkong with his presence, we trust the community will show their appreciation of his sterling ability by rallying round Signor Clocci and giving him a bumper house.

SPORTING GOSSIP.

From the official broadcast, courteously forwarded last evening by the Acting Clerk of the Course, I observe that the 154 ponies days were allotted 11st. 7lbs. and not 11st. 11lbs. as set down in the programme published in these columns yesterday. It appears that when Mr. De Courcy Forbes introduced his proposal for raising the standard, he also brought forward a motion omitting the 11st. 11lbs. clause from Rule 17, which was also agreed to. If this be so, I am assured on good authority that it appears in the minutes of the meeting, which were afterwards duly communicated to the members, and I think everybody's satisfaction. When writing on the subject yesterday I am not applied to by the Club, but the subject, believing that the above was the result of the proceedings, I have not hesitated to publish the above. For some reason or other the Secretary

report I turned up, says nothing whatever about any proposed alteration to Rule 17, which led me to conclude that Mr. Forbes had either overlooked the clause as to weight, or did not consider it advisable to alter it. However, all's well that ends well.

In my yesterday's gossip from the racetrack I chronicled the fact that Mr. Kerfoot's speedy pony, Blackbird, had returned to the enclosure dead lame after galloping. I am sorry to have to report that the same owner has now to deplore the loss of Wild Dash, and Peanut (late Arabi Bey) these two makers having also joined the ranks of the slain. Wild Dash galloped a mile and a quarter yesterday morning in company with Ambassador, Blunder Blas and El Dorado, and appeared sound enough after he came off the course; however, the "pow" seems to have found out a weak spot, and the consequence is that this splendid animal is temporarily *hors de combat*. Peanut has been amiss for some time, so I am not surprised at his lameness. With First Comet, Filbert, Discount, Wild Dash, Amethyst, Blackbird, and Peanut, I am sure Mr. Kerfoot has good reason to feel disappointed. I am quite sure that this sterling sportsman has the sympathies of the entire racing community in this unprecedented run of bad luck.

Knowing, as I have good reasons for doing, what an extraordinarily high class pony First Comet is, I am hopeful that Mr. Hutchings will manage to get the big gun, in something like racing condition between now and the race days. If First Comet can only be kept sound, his class is so much superior to that of anything he is likely to meet, that I think he would be certain to win several races, however, he is such a difficult pony to handle that even an experienced trainer like "Wild Harry" may have all his work out to keep the fastest miler China has yet seen on his legs. Wild Dash was amiss during the Autumn at Shanghai, so it is perhaps not a matter for great surprise that he should have failed to stand galloping on the anything but satisfactory course at Wong-Nel-Chong. I had my doubts about his standing a preparation when he first came down, but late the pony moved in such a thoroughly sound fashion that I was beginning to believe that my fears would not be realised. That first impression was correct the sequel has proved. I sincerely trust that Mr. Kerfoot and the genial Mac Onildes will soon experience a turn of the tide in racing affairs, and that the well known "wasp" jacket will yet be prominently borne by the great "cracks" so unfortunately now under suspicion.

Training operations this morning were almost devoid of interest, and the attendance of "sports" was again unusually small. Most of the ponies were sweated, the mildness of the weather giving trainers an excellent opportunity of taking off superfluous flesh from their backward charges. I observed Mr. Hutchings riding *Salmanassar* in slow work long before the mist which enveloped the course had cleared away, Driving Cloud, Sunshine Lord of the Isles and several others being also early birds at exercise. The majority of Mr. Paul's team being in physic, the "yellow jacket and white cap" was represented, in addition to Sunshine, only by Opal, Lavender, and Tempest. The last named has not been entered, so I suppose the "rabbit pony" is intended for the steeplechases. Rebel came down the straight in fine style, and I have observed that this good looking bay has recently developed a good turn of speed. Dauntless, Ghibli Callum, Little Warlock, Darroley, Rothwell, Cutty Sark, Blunder Blas and several others cantered short distances at varying rates of speed.

I had a walk round the steeplechase course the other morning, and found that nearly all the obstacles had been put up. The going is generally very good, but something must be done to the approach to the brook at the top of the straight. This is the most formidable obstacle on the course, in fact it is far too big for unpracticed China ponies; and owing to the rough and uneven ground on the take-off side, it is at present impossible to "ride" a pony at it at any rate of speed. As speed is absolutely requisite to get a horse or pony to clear a brook, the approach to this particular jump must in the interests of life and limb, be carefully adapted to the water jump half way down the straight is an excellent one, and the turn walls the Black Rock side will not be so easily negotiated as usual, but might be improved. I think it will be advisable to run into the training course about the middle and a quarter past so as to finish on the straight. There will be too difficulty in this as there is already a "natural" jump which few ponies would take. The steeplechase course is quite ready for the coming season. But where are the sporting gentlemen who would patronise the race of steeplechase horses when the subject was first broached for months ago? As I said at the time, the steeplechase riders will never come to Hongkong unless the owners how to fire the races over a splendid fellow "over the top" and "under the wall" but they are hardly so much at home when a stiff fence has to be faced in solid blood. There will be plenty of "ponies" entered for the jumping events but it looks as if there would be something approaching a great scarcity of jockeys.

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